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GREEK COUP - REACTION IN TURKEY

1. SAMI KOHEN'S ARTICLE IN MILLIYET APRIL 25 BASED ON TALK WITH COL. FARMAKIS, OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF NEW GOG, MENTIONED THAT COUP INSTIGATORS WERE INSPIRED BY MAY 27, 1960 REVOLUTION IN TURKEY. QUOTED FARMAKIS AS SAYING RULING OFFICERS ARE "FULL OF FRIENDSHIP"

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FOR TURKS AND AS USING PHRASE "YOUNG TURKS." NAMES AND POSITIONS OF "THREE STRONG MEN" AND TWO OTHERS ALSO GIVEN.

2. UNTIL APRIL 29 WHEN EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION OF OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY PREEMPTED MOST SPACE, EDITORIAL WRITERS WERE STILL DEBATING POSITION OF KING AND FUTURE CONSEQUENCES. SAMI KOHEN NOTED THAT KING HAD REACHED UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY OFFICERS AND "UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS" SUPPORTED NEW REGIME. PRO-GOVT ZAFER SAID KING'S ATTITUDE WAS OBSCURE AND RIGHT-WING SABAH CALLED HIM MALADROIT WHEREAS SUKRU BABAN IN CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN THOUGHT HE SAW CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN KING AND JUNTA REGARDLESS OF WHO INSTIGATED WHOM. HIKMET BIL IN YENI GAXETE FOUND ONLY SOMER PROSPECTS FACING TURK CYPRIOTS. EVEN IF MAKARIOS PRUDENTLY AWAITED CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION, "PASSIVE" NATURE OF TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY PREVENTED TURKEY FROM BENEFITTING FROM CONFUSION IN ATHENS.

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3. RIGHT-WING YENI ISTANBUL INTRODUCED INTERESTING NEW THEME CLAIMING THAT ACCORIDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES THE FIVE LEADING MILITARY FIGURES WHO CARRIED OUT COUP WERE AGENTS OF BRITISH

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INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. STORY CITED THEIR ACTIVE SERVICE 1942-45 ON BEHALF OF KING GEORGE II AND BIS.

4. IN WANING COVERAGE DURING LONG WEEKEND, WRITERS ADDRESSING THEMSELVES TO COUP STILL FOUND KING'S POSITION AMBIGUOUS, AND SPECULATED ON "LEGALITY" OF REGIME AND ON ULTIMATE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC ORDER. BABAN MADE POINT THAT KING'S PRESIDING OVER CABINET MEETING CAUSED SECTIONS OF THE MILITARY WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT COUP TO SIDE WITH ARMY AND KING. "DIPLOMAT'S" COLUMN IN RIGHT-WING SABAH TURNED ATTENTION TO TURKEY'S POSITION TOWARDS CYRPUS. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT TURKEY CONSIDERED IT "UNDIGNIFIED" TO ATTEMPT ANY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS AT TIME WHEN GREECE WAS IN TURMOIL AND THEREFORE FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND NEW GREEK FONMIN DECIDED ON CONTINUATION OF BILATERAL TALKS WHEN THEY MET AT ADENAUER'S FUNERAL. WRITER SPECULATED ON POSSIBLE ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ATHDMPTED BY MAKARIOS AND SUGGESTED GOT WARN HIM OF CONSEQUENCES OF NAY MALICIOUS UNDERTAKINGS ON HIS PART.

5. IN ABOVE REGARD, BRITISH EMBOFF TOLD EMBASSY APRIL 28 THAT,

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ACCORDING TO BULAK OF FONOFF GREEK-CYPRUS DEPT, FONMINS CAGLAYANGIL AND ECONOMOU-GOURAS HAD ONLY EXCHANGED CIVILITIES AT FUNERAL BUT HAD AGREED TO KEEP CYPRUS SITUATION DAMPED DOWN AND TAKE NO NEW INITIATIVES PENDING SETTLING IN OF GREEK REGIME.

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